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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-U.S. listed document is attached.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,764,670
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,586,131
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,699,373
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,659,560
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,854,901
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 7,062,116
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 7,248,995
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,789,750

- (9) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0085160
- (10) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0188398
- (11) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0244629
- (12) U.S. Publication No. 2007/0030115
- (13) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0039431
- (14) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0214176
- (15) U.S. Publication No. 2006/0227340
- (16) JP 10-104171

Document (8) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of document (16). An English-language abstract is provided for document (16).

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
11/632,958	01/19/2007	N/Y/A	T. Ouchi
10/587,261	07/26/2006	N/Y/A	R. Sekiguchi T. Ouchi
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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed

invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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